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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 mailed May 10, 2006, and prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entrance of the instant Amendment.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

I, Michele J. Young, state the following:

SEQUENCE REQUIREMENTS

A Sequence Listing in accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.821-1.825 is submitted concurrently with the present amendment as a separate paper attached hereto and also on a disc in computer readable format.

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I hereby state that each computer readable form submitted in this application is the same as the "Sequence Listing" to which it is indicated to relate. All papers accompanying this submission introduce no new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 502569.

Respectfully Submitted,

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